



The SHEPHERD'S VOICE August 2018

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing. (Psalm 100:1-2)*

I believe that music is a language. Through music I communicate with people from different backgrounds, different ages, even from different countries. Lutherans are known for their singing in worship. A few weeks ago I went to a Thursday evening service at St. John's in Lena, and I realized an interesting fact: Lutherans really sing. Singing hymns together in worship is part of our Lutheran identity. We sing and make joyful harmony in response to God's mercy and grace. Music connects us, and through singing together we are in one community.

Singing has been a big part of my life. God gave me the gift of a loud voice, and I have been in choirs for many years. I even met my husband in a church choir. I enjoy singing. Sometimes I sing old familiar hymns from my high school days to calm down my anxious mind. Sometimes I sing out contemporary Christian songs in my car. Gospel music has become my song of prayer, and I sing silly songs from VeggieTales to cheer me up in a gloomy day. Music speaks to me in different ways at different times.

My insights about singing has deepened since I came to Good Shepherd. I learned a lot from the Hymn Sing at the nursing home. Every 2nd Tuesday morning Good Shepherd hosts the Hymn Sing at the nursing home in Lena. We sing old favorite hymns together. At first I just enjoyed the singing. One day I had a tickle in my throat, so I did not sing much but instead I listened. The residents and volunteers were creating joyful harmonies. When the intro of Amazing Grace started, the lips of the residence were moving, singing together and praising the Lord our God. Our tunes may not be on the same page, but our hearts are together praising God with singing.

Hymns and songs are expressions of our faith. Through our singing others witness the goodness of God. Come let us sing to the Lord and make a joyful noise! Pr. Miho



DO YOU EVER WONDER WHAT YOU COULD DO FOR GOOD SHEPHERD THAT IS SO EASY, WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH COMMUNION SET UP AND CLEAN UP, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL VIVIAN HESSELBACHER AT 815-369-4496



Beth *Martin,*
Donna Gullickson, Joanne Martin, Cindy Doubler,
Darlene Aurand, Kelsey Albrecht, Vivian Hessel-
bacher, Debbie Hesselbacher and Shirley Fox for

WORSHIP NEWS

July worship will have lots of singing and possibly swaying with the music. On July 1st there will be a guest speaker from Tyler's Justice Center for Children in Stockton. We will sing the VBS song with motions and present VBS offerings. July 15th is a Fellowship Sunday. We will worship in the Fellowship hall, singing our favorite hymns from LBW, the green hymnal, and having potluck luncheon afterward. The 5th Sunday GRACE worship will be July 29th. We will raise

August Meetings at Good Shepherd

PIECE CORPS QUILTERS will meet Wednesday August 1st, 8th, 15th and the 22nd.

OPEN CHURCH August 1st, 15th and 22nd downtown Lena, from 5-8 pm.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet August 2nd at 9:00am at Good Shepherd in Fellowship Hall. This will be a potluck.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK, August 5th 10:00 am at Dodd's Park

LENA LIVING CENTER, Good Shepherd will have worship service on August 5th at 2:30 pm at the Lena Living Center

LEARNING COMMITTEE MEETING August 6th at 6:00 pm

OPEN CHURCH August 8th, downtown Lena, from 5-8 pm.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB/POTLUCK August 9th at noon, entertainment by Dave & Duska Ruter.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet August 13th at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker Robin Turner, Tai Chi instructor from Freeport will discuss "Tia Chi for persons with Parkinson's".

HYMN SING Lena Living Center, August 14th at 9:45am

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING August 14th at 6:30pm

OPEN CHURCH August 15th, downtown Lena, from 5-8 pm.

GOOD SHEPHERD at Friendship Center August 16th at 1pm for Devotions and Deserts.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY/POTLUCK LUNCHEON
August 19th, 9:30am

OPEN CHURCH August 22nd, downtown Lena, from 5-8 pm,

MEN'S GROUP MEETING Saturday August 28th at 4:30pm.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the September 2018 Newsletter is August 15th, 2018. Thank You!

August Birthdays

8/2	Madison Tessendorf	8/19	Brianna Kraft
8/3	Virgil Gordon	8/19	Jacob Collier
8/5	Audrey Stees	8/21	Virgil Martin
8/5	Karen Cross	8/21	Marlene Jones
8/7	Bob Lyvers	8/21	Lydia Smith
8/7	Tim Huber	8/21	Alec Aurand
8/7	Mark Jacobs	8/23	Gia Schlichting
8/8	Brooke Huttenlocher	8/23	Kevin Huttenlocher
8/10	Steve Carlson	8/24	Donna Gullickson
8/10	Abbea Schlichting	8/24	Curt Diddens
8/11	Danielle Jones	8/25	Chad Baldauf
8/11	Layton Albright	8/25	Emily Meyers
8/13	Sheridan Brinker	8/25	Christian Sutter
8/15	Mercedes Freitag	8/26	Paul Fox
8/16	Larry Huneke	8/26	Ethan Fye
8/16	Dennis Broege	8/27	Lillie Wilson
8/18	Nikola Cornwell	8/29	Pastor Miranda
8/19	Bill Engel	8/30	Thomas Andrews

If we missed your birthday (or someone in your family) please call the office so that we may update our records!



Prayer Chain

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain

please call the Church Office at 815-369-5552. We lift up the following loved ones in assisted-living facilities/ nursing homes, those who are homebound, etc. in prayer: Verl Price, Steve Fahr, Lois Paulsen, Laura Derr, Fern Harnish. They would love to hear from you. Consider visiting, calling, or sending them a note. Please call the church office, if you need an address.



Back to School Shindig

There will be a Back to School Shindig at Lena Living Center on August 4th from 11am—1pm. There will be kids games, duck pond, penny pitch bags and many more. The singing Ventriloquist, Terry Walker and Danny will be there at noon. Food will be available.

Join Us!

HYMN SING AT LENA NURSING HOME

We sing old favorites hymns. It is rewarding to see the residents' faces light up when we announce a favorite hymn. Sometimes the residents sing with their eyes closed, which over the years have memorized the words. Sometimes the songs help them remember that Jesus loves them, each and every day, even troubled days.

Usually 15-20 residents come to enjoy the music. When you come to help us in singing favorite hymns maybe you can sit by a resident of help turn the pages for them. The second Tuesday of the month at 9:45 is at the Lena Nursing Home PLEASE COME JOIN US.

*The next time will be **August 14th.***

Please call the church if you need a ride, 369-5552

GOOD SHEPHERD IS GOING OUTSIDE IN DOWNTOWN LENA ON WEDNESDAY OPEN CHURCH

THIS SUMMER ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS JUNE 6 - AUGUST 22 FROM 5PM-8PM, GOOD SHEPHERD WILL PROVIDES GAMES FOR LENA WEEKLY GATHERING. THERE WILL BE FAMOUS GIANT JENGA, HULA HOOPS, BEAN BAG TOSS, BASKETBALL HOOP, SACK RACES AND MORE. STOP BY AND PLAY!



Sunday School Teachers Needed

How would you like to take a spiritual journey with our youth while they learn the word of the Lord? You would read bible stories with the children, help them with their lessons, and provide support in their journey.

Sunday School will begin on September 30th from 10:45 after Worship Service.

If interested contact:

Good Shepherd at 815-369-5552

Or

Kristy Patterson at 608-214-5388



We just wanted to say a BIG thank you to everyone that participated in this year's Vacation Bible School for the churches located on Mason Street in Lena, IL! Each year, they choose an organization to make a donation to, and this year, they decided to make a overwhelmingly generous donation to Tyler's Justice Center! Look at all of these items they were able to acquire for our Center! They also raised money for Tyler's Justice Center.

A special thank you goes out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for inviting me to your services this past Sunday to share information with you all about Tyler's Justice Center. Your support means the world to us, and we really appreciate your care and compassion for what we do. THANK YOU!!!



**August 5th,
Worship in the park, 10:00am Dodd's Park**

**September 22nd Northern Illinois Synod,
WELCA 30th Annual Convention. Trinity Lutheran
Church, 504 E Diggins St., Harvard, IL 60033.
Registration fee is \$35.00, registration forms
available in the church office.**



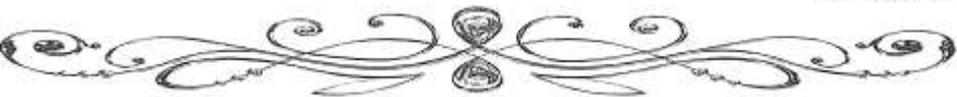
Let Us Know

If youth or adults are involved in activities which the public is invited, please provide the schedule or contact the office by Tuesday morning for it to be included in the following Sunday's bulletin.

*Donna Gulsickson will be hosting a Wine & Cheese Tasting
Party in her home, Please join us on September 29th at 6pm.
Bring your own choice of beverage and finger food*



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You!



ELCA National Youth Gathering

Dear Good Shepherd Members, as you know I went to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Texas. I want to thank you for all your support, without it I don't think I would of made it to Texas and back. I'm most grateful for all of you. Thank you for being part of my faith journey and being one in billions of my church family, I have met. I will talk more about the ELCA National Youth Gathering on August 12th, hope to see you there.

Thank you again,
Anna Patterson



Hoops for all ages



Will he make it?

The next Open Church will be August 1st, 8th, 15th and the 22nd, Wednesday evenings from 5pm-8pm, weather permitting downtown Lena. We have games for all ages.

Hoops of all types



Who will win???

Highlights from July Council Meetings

- The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. June's gas bill was \$173.20 and the electric bill was \$254.04. Motion to approve was made by Kristy Patterson and Bari Raymer made the second.
- Pastor Miho provided her July report with highlights of attending the ELCA Youth Synod Gathering, Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center and visitations.
- Upcoming agenda items are the LOMC Swing Choir Supper and Concert at Good Shepherd Friday, July 20; NW WELCA Summer Retreat at First Lutheran , Freeport, Aug 9 and her vacation days July 24-27 and August 27-31. Troy Doubler motioned to approve the report and Kristy Patterson seconded. All approved.
- Committee Reports were received. Mentioned were: Vacation Bible School which hosted 30 children and more than 40 adults with 3 churches cooperating; GRACE Services July 29 and Sept 30; Worship in the Park Aug. 5; Reservation made for a booth at the Lena Lions Fall Festival; and a request to Mitek for bids for the parish sound system which did not receive a response.
- Troy Doubler said Mens Ministry has donated \$250 to the church's current operating expenses. Kristy Patterson motioned to approve the committee reports and Bari Raymer seconded. Motion passed.
- Council also learned the Randy Stubbs Family is no longer an active ELCA missionary. Recommendations will be reviewed for an alternate giving.
- The Synod has requested an annual visit and Council agreed Oct. 9 would be appropriate during the regularly scheduled Council meeting. Lena Ministerial Association has been asked to provide volunteers for the Lena-Winslow Staff Appreciation Day, Aug. 17. Council agreed to offer support.

A complete copy of minutes will be posted on the bulletin board

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

Incoming June 2018	\$ 7,472.38
Expenses June 2018	\$ 11,209.56
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (3,737.18)
Income, Year to Date 2018	\$ 53,812.85
Expenses, Year to Date 2018	\$ 66,971.01
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (13,158.16)



WELCA Items submitted for August 2018 “The Shepherd Newsletter” by Rene’ Johnson (815)-369-2818. Please call if you have any questions.

Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, August 2nd, 2018 at 9:00 am at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Fellowship Hall. This will be a potluck, we will not have a hostess. Rene’ Johnson is the Bible Study Leader. Please call Rene’ at 815-369-218 if you have any questions.

All women of the church and their guests are invited and welcome at all circle functions

Northwest Conference, Summer Retreat and Bible Study
Thursday August 9th from 8:30am - 2:00pm

At First Lutheran Church, Freeport

Flyer posted on the WELCA bulletin board in Fellowship Hall

Any questions contact

Judy Castle at 815-233-2425 or 815-291-1994-24 (cell)

Rev. Keith Johnson, Pastor at First Lutheran of Freeport will be
Bible Study Leader.

Registration & Coffee—8:30 am

Bible Study-9:00 am

Luncheon-12:00 pm

Program-”Prayer”

Bible Study will be from the June July/August Gather Magazine, bring
your magazine if you subscribe and Bible

A freewill offering will be collected and given to charity, 1/2 to
NISWO and 1/2 Bible Study Leader’s Charity

Reservations needed by August 1st, 2018

Please make reservations by calling Judy Castle
815-233-2425 or 815-291-1994-24 (cell)

Books of the New Testament



Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

Thessalonians

Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

Peter

Jude

Revelation



Martin Luther's Morning Blessing

In the morning, as soon as you get out of bed, you are to make the sign of the holy cross and say: "God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen."

Then, kneeling or standing, say the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you wish, you may in addition recite this little prayer as well: I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask that you would also protect me today from sin and all evil, so that my life and actions may please you. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

After singing a hymn perhaps (for example, one on the Ten Commandments) or whatever else may serve your devotion, you are to go to your work joyfully.

August Worship Volunteers

August 5

Assisting Minister Wayne Kurth

August 12

Lector Mary Beth Brinker
Acolyte Jacob Runkle
Assisting Minister Brianna Andrews
Worship Assistant Wayne Kurth
Communion Ushers Virgil Gordon and Tim Gordon
Communion Assistant Michelle Andrews and Sue Diddens
Sound System Troy Doubler and open
Greeters Jay & Michelle Andrews and Darlene Aurand
Ushers Bill & Jean Engel, Jim Swain and Andrew Martin
Elevator Operator Taylor Patterson and Kristy Patterson

August 19

Lector Mary Beth Brinker
Assisting Minister Jay Andrews
Greeters Chris & Angie Brinker and Bill & Jean Engel
Ushers Paul & Shirley Fox,

August 26

Lector Sue Diddens
Acolyte Kayla Runkle
Assisting Minister Wayne Kurth
Worship Assistant Shirley Fox Communion Ushers Troy & Cindy Doubler
Communion Assistant Sue Diddens and Brianna Andrews
Sound System Jay Andrews and open
Greeters Curt & Sue Diddens and Troy and Cindy Doubler
Ushers Robert & Sharon Schlachter and Jerry & Beth Martin
Elevator Operator Chris Brinker

Please mark your calendars for the dates that you have been assigned, if you cannot serve on the day that you have been assigned please switch with someone and /or call the church office by Tuesday of the week that you are to volunteer so that arrangements can be made.
815-369-5552

August 2018 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	August Communion Set-up/Clean up August 5 th , Pastor Miho August 12 th , Kristy Patterson August 19 th , Sheila Keene August 26 th , Vivian Hesselbacher		1 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 5:00-8:00pm Open Church, downtown Lena	2 9:00 am Hannah Circle at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall, potluck	3	4
5 10:00 am Worship Service and Picnic in Dodds's Park 2:30pm Good Shepherd at Lena Living Center Sunday Worship	6 6:00pm Learning Committee Meeting	7	8 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 5:00-8:00pm Open Church, downtown Lena	9 12:00 pm Friendship Club Potluck luncheon and entertainment by Dave & Duska Ruter	10	11
12 9:30 am Worship Service Youth Gathering Report 10:30am Fellowship	13 1:30 pm Parkinson Support Group Meeting. Guest speaker, Robin Turner, Tai Chi instructor	14 9:45 am Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 6:30pm Council Meeting	15 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 5:00-8:00 pm Open Church, downtown Lena	16 1:00 pm Good Shepherd at Friendship Center Devotions and Desserts	17	18
19 9:30 am Fellowship Sunday worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship/ Potluck Luncheon	20	21	22 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 5:00-8:00 pm Open Church, downtown Lena	23	24	25 4:30pm Men's Group
26 9:30 am Worship Service Blessing of the Backpacks 10:30am Fellowship	27	28	29 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	30	31	
Pr. Miho is on vacation						

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Pre-K & K Sunday School after Children's Message

Fellowship Hour 10:30 am

Sunday School 10:45 am

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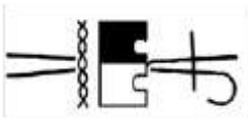
Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Church Secretary Betty Allen

Month's Highlights!

August 2	Hannah Circle 9:00 am
August 5	Worship in the Park and picnic at Dodd's Park, 10:00 am
August 5	Good Shepherd at Lena Living Center, Sunday Worship 2:30 pm
August 9	Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment 12:00 pm
August 13	Parkinson Support Group, 1:30 pm
August 14	Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45 am
August 14	Council Meeting 6:30 pm
August 16	Good Shepherd at Friendship Center for Devotion and Dessert 1:00pm
August 19	Fellowship Sunday Worship/Potluck Luncheon 9:30 am
August 25	Men's Group 4:30 pm

For More Good Shepherd
Pictures and highlights go to
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OR www.GoodShepherdLena.org



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*The Good Shepherd cares for us.
He gives His Life for us and to us.
We give and use our lives in love,
care and service of one another.*

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NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE for the September 2018
Newsletter is August 15, 2018
Thank You!